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Resource Recovery LLC and the R J Gorman Rail Company are attempting to reactivate a 20 mile stretch of railroad between Wallaceeton and Gorton, located in Centre and Clearfield Counties in Pennsylvania The R J, Corman Rail Co, plans to file a petition with the Surface Transportation Board in Washington D C to rebuild and operate this piece of railroad Development of this railroad would have a catastrophic effect on an ATV Trail established on about 10 miles of the proposed rail bed, by the Snow Shoe Rails to Trails Association (SSRTA) The SSRTA has a membership of about 2500 riders and key draws for this membership are the Historic Peale Tunnel and the Railroad Via-duct Bridge over the Red Moshannon, which would be lost in the process This would be devastating to the success of this ATV Trail and for plans that have been targeted for the future, The rail bed belongs to the Headwaters Charitable Trust and nine (9) years of hard work by many members have been spent developing the trail to where it is today, not to mention the money already spent from grants etc Not only would this seriously set ATVMg in the area way back, but it would also have a negative effect on the developing tourism in Central Pennsylvania, Development of tourism m the Central Pennsylvania Wilds is currently a key initiative of the state,

I am president of the Central Mountains ATV Association Inc , operating out of Clinton County, with approximately 100 members scattered all around the area, I would like to request, on behalf of my self and CMATVA Inc , that the petition for reactivation of this railroad be turned down Most of my club members are also members of SSRTA as we do schedule club rides out of there on a regular basis Plans are already underway to tie the current SSRTA Trail System to an existing State ATV Trail in addition to other potential improvements that would further enhance its success and rider/member appeal in the future

Thank you for listening to my story and considering my request

Respectfully,
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